



Four-
score and seven
years ago our fathers
brought forth on this continent a
new nation, con-
ceived in liberty
and dedicated
to the proposi-
tion that
all men are created
equal. Now we are engaged in
a great civil war, testing
whether that nation or any
nation so conceived and so
dedicated, can long endure.
We are met on a great bat-
tleground of that war. We have
dedicated a portion of that field
as a final resting-place of those
who here gave their lives that that
nation might live. It is alto-
gether fitting and proper
that we should do this. But
in a larger sense we
cannot dedicate
cannot consecrate
can- not hallow
this ground. The brave
men, living and dead
who struggled here, have
consecrated it, far above
our poor power to add or de-
tract. The world will little
note, nor long re- mem-
ber, what we say here, but
can never forget what they
here. It is for us the liv-
ing, rather than the
dead, to be dedicated here to
the unfinished work which
they who fought here have thus far
so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here
dedicated to the great task remaining before us---
that from these honored dead we take increased devo-
tion to that cause for which they gave the last full mea-
sure of devotion---that we here highly resolve that these dead
shall not have died in vain---that this nation, under God,
shall have a new birth of freedom---and that govern-
ment of the people, by the people, and for the people
shall not perish from the earth. This address was de-
livered at the dedication of Gettysburg Cemetery, Gettysburg,
Pennsylvania, November 19, 1863. This speech
is admired by
all.